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REMEMBERING WESTRAY

Members of the Men of the Deeps choral ensemble talk with family and friends during a special service at the Westray Memorial Park in New Glasgow on Wednesday night. The event marked the 20th anniversary of the tragic coal-mine disaster that claimed the lives of 26 miners. Story, page 6. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Case dismissed

All 11 Occupy Nova Scotia protesters have had their charges dropped

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Board cuts more than 150 teachers

Budget cuts. Staffing reductions will mean \$7.6 million in savings for 2012-13 fiscal year



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Major job cuts are hitting the Halifax Regional School Board.

In a closed-door meeting Wednesday night, the board approved more than 200 staffing reductions, including 152 classroom teachers.

The board says the 0.9 per cent funding cut by the province for the 2012-13 school year shoulders much of the blame, along with inflationary increases on things such as utilities, fuel and salaries.

In total, the board said it faced a net reduction of \$10.2 million, including a \$3.2 million cut in provincial money.

"Short of the government providing more funding to the boards, this is what it's going to be. We don't have any other alternative," board chair Irvine Carvery said after the meeting.

"This is the best that we could strategize in spreading the cuts through our whole

Staffing-reduction breakdown

From provincial funding cuts and inflation:

- 152 classroom teachers (25 from declining enrolment for 2012-13)
- 11 central office positions
- 21 NSTU school-based support positions
- 8.5 custodial full-time equivalent positions (FTE)
- 6 library-support specialist (FTE) positions

Staffing paid through supplementary funding from HRM, which is down about \$450,000:

- 6 NSTU specialist support positions (FTE)
- 2.5 teachers (FTE)
- 2 library support specialists FTEs
- 1.7 teacher specialists (FTE) from declining enrolment

board."

Carvery said that in the classroom the effect would be felt through larger class sizes, fewer courses available to high-school students and more combined classes.

He said no teachers are being laid off, with the staffing reductions coming through retirements and positions not being replaced.

He also said that of the teaching jobs being lost, only 25 are due to declining enrolment, which the province has said was the main reason for the funding cut.

"We are not bringing new people into the system," he said. "That's the only way we could manage those cuts."

This is the second year in a row that school boards in Nova Scotia have had to deal with cuts in provincial funding. Carvery said with last year's reduction they were able to avoid job losses by "cutting as much fat out of the operation" as they could. This year, there was no more getting around it, he said.

"We did make cuts in some non-staffing areas. Professional development for staff has been dramatically decreased," Carvery said of the board's new budget.

"There wasn't an area that we could spare to balance the budget this year."

The board will vote to give the budget the official stamp of approval on May 30.



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Crown withdraws charges against Occupy protesters

Victoria Park eviction. Group says it's considering legal action against police and how they handled Nov. 11 eviction

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Eleven Occupy Nova Scotia protesters arrested during last fall's eviction at Victoria Park in Halifax have all had their charges withdrawn.

Prosecutor Rick Woodburn said on Wednesday after he analyzed the evidence in the case that there was no real prospect of conviction.

The charges were withdrawn against the 11 people in Halifax provincial court on Wednesday morning.

"The police conducted a thorough investigation and had reasonable grounds to lay

charges at the time," Woodburn said.

He wouldn't elaborate any further, saying it would be unfair to both the protesters and police to go into detail of the evidence now that charges have been dropped.

The bylaw concerning camping in public parks is also still in effect and enforceable by police, he said.

Of the 14 people arrested on Remembrance Day, three were young people who went through the restorative justice system, while the 11 adults faced charges of obstruction and one breach of a court order.

Sarah Ovens is one of the Occupy members who had her charges withdrawn on Wednesday morning. "I'm just very happy it's over with," she said.

Since being charged during the Nov. 11 eviction, Ovens said she has appeared in court eight times with her fellow protesters.

What happened

Members of Occupy Nova Scotia moved into Victoria Park after protesting for weeks at Grand Parade to make room for Remembrance Day ceremonies.

- Demonstrators said they were protesting peacefully and were caught off guard when police officers moved into Victoria Park on Nov. 11 and tore down their tents during a torrential downpour. Some accused the police of using unnecessary violence.

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Regarding the actions that led to the charges, Ovens said she made the decision to sit on a tent that police were trying to remove because she felt the Occupy group had not been given enough notice of the eviction.



Protesters with Occupy Nova Scotia at their tent site in Victoria Park last November. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Patient's disappearance not her first



Amy Ogilvie CONTRIBUTED

Amy Elizabeth Ogilvie has been missing from the East Coast Forensic Hospital before.

Documents from the Nova Scotia Criminal Code Review Board reveal Ogilvie, 21, was "AWOL" for several weeks in 2011.

"The Board had before it a letter from Dr. Brunet dated Dec. 5, in which she noted Ms. Ogilvie returned to the hospital on her own accord on Nov. 2, having been AWOL for several weeks," the disposition order reads.

"She reported that she had spent some time in Dartmouth, and then travelled to

Montreal and Edmonton."

After her return, Ogilvie was subjected to a "restriction of liberties" for about two weeks. Ogilvie wanted a discharge, the documents state, but while a formal risk assessment was not completed, her doctor noted "a number of dynamic risk factors still outstanding."

Ogilvie was on an unsupervised day pass from the hospital last Friday when she failed to return for curfew. Halifax Regional Police said on Wednesday they believe she is in the Montreal area.

"While it's not clear why she

went to Montreal, it's where we believe she is," said spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter.

When asked if it was proper to grant Ogilvie unsupervised leave so soon after she fled the province, Health Minister Maureen MacDonald reiterated that's up to the board and her clinical team.

Liberal justice critic Michel Samson said both the minister of health and the minister of justice are attempting to pass the buck.

"The question has to be put: When somebody has a history of going AWOL, travelling to Montreal, trav-

Mental disorder

Court documents show Amy Ogilvie was found not criminally responsible of attempted abduction of a child on June 22, 2011, because of her mental disorder.

elling to Edmonton, goes AWOL a second time, is it really wise to wait 72 hours before notifying the public?" Samson said.

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NEWS

On the web

These toys are locked and loaded

Gun parts and ammunition found hidden inside a child's stuffed animals at a Rhode Island airport are said to be related to a nasty custody battle. Federal transportation agents found the items Monday when a man and his four-year-old son went through security at T.F. Green Airport. Read the full story at metronews.ca.

Mobile news



In an eat-your-veggies-before-dessert-style incentive program, video-game makers have created a pilot project that forces kids to get active before they get gaming. Scan the code to read about what's being billed as the first ever online game to use kids' daily activity as its sole power source.



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Alert. Group of young people lobbing rocks at vehicles, police say

Halifax Regional Police sent out a warning Wednesday after a number of reports of rocks being thrown at vehicles.

There have been 10 incidents in Halifax where vehicles driving along Devonshire Avenue were struck with rocks. A group of five to 10 young people were noted throwing the rocks at around 3 p.m.

About another 10 incidents have been reported in Dartmouth in the Victoria Road and Nantucket Avenue area throughout the day. Police believe these incidents are not related to the Halifax

Safety measures:

- Police have increased patrols in the area but are asking the public's help to stop this activity by reporting it to police immediately at 490-5016.

ones. "This is an extremely dangerous activity that has caused a lot of damage, and as history demonstrates, can result in vehicle crashes and fatalities," said police in a statement.

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Digby County

Couple die in car crash

Two seniors are dead after a head-on collision in Digby County. Around 9 p.m. on Tuesday night RCMP responded to a crash on Highway 101 near the community of Grosses Coques.

The older couple, aged 71 and 75, were from Clementsvalle and died at the scene. Names are being withheld until their next of kin can be notified.

The driver and passenger of the other car were sent to Yarmouth Regional Hospital with serious injuries.

Police are investigating the cause of the collision.

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N.S. to be short 200 doctors over next decade: Report



Health Minister Maureen MacDonald is shown in this file photo. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Health care. More than 900 doctors, or 31 per cent of current workforce, expected to retire by 2021

Nova Scotia will need close to 200 more doctors over the next decade to meet the demands of its aging population, says a new report released Wednesday.

The report by Social Sector Metrics Inc. and Health Intelligence Inc. said growing rates of chronic disease in the elderly would mean the province would need 187 more doctors over the next 10 years to cover growing health needs and retirements in the

physician workforce.

It said that number could fluctuate depending upon factors such as population shifts and disease rates, though it adds that the province's population is expected to be six per cent older on average by 2021 than it is now.

The consultants said the province needs a better mix of family doctors and specialists to ensure better access to primary care. It recommends increasing the percentage of family and primary-care physicians from the current 42 per cent to 49 per cent by 2021.

Health Minister Maureen MacDonald said the report has given the province an overview of its physician needs.

"It will provide us with a framework so that we can train, recruit and retain the right mix of doctors for our province," said MacDonald.

She said the province is looking at strengthening doctor-recruitment efforts and at providing additional incentives to ensure physicians are working where they are needed most, particularly in rural areas.

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Quoted:

"I've seen nothing in this that I didn't know as minister."

Progressive Conservative health critic Chris d'Entremont, a former health minister in the previous government



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Last year, it was Mexico. This spring, she'll have VIP guest status at a luxurious beach resort in Maui, Hawaii because she used her *Scotia Momentum*[®] VISA Infinite[®] card to book the trip⁴.

"I can't wait," says Chanel, who's had fun shopping for her trip and finally found a new bathing suit she liked. She's packing her golf clubs and tennis racket, and looking forward to the fantastic dining she's heard about at the resort too.

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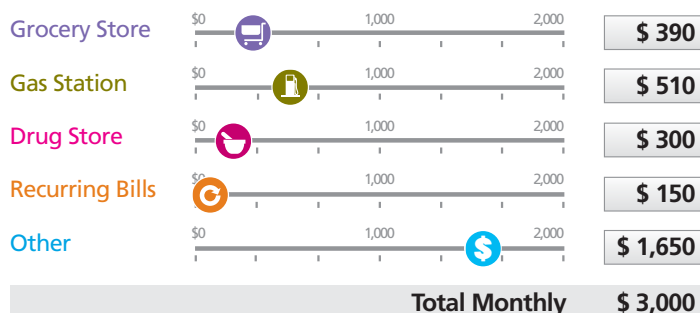
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Sombre vigils mark Westray anniversary

**20 years after mining
disaster.** Reflecting on
loss, lessons learned

High school students placed white roses on the Westray mine disaster memorial Wednesday during a ceremony that urged future generations to never forget the importance of worker safety.

Twenty-six flowers were laid on the dark granite stone, one for each of the miners whose names are etched into the memorial of the May 9, 1992, disaster.

Under leaden skies that delivered a steady downpour, Rev. Glen Matheson gave an account of the history of mining disasters, saying the explosion in Plymouth, N.S., at the Westray mine had been among the worst in Canadian history.

He read from the public inquiry into the disaster, which found that it was the result of "incompetence, mismanagement, bureaucratic bungling, deceit, ruthlessness, coverups, apathy, expediency and cynical indifference."

The Presbyterian minister — who said prayers for the dead in the days following the methane and coal-dust explosion — prayed Wednesday that political leaders will remember and learn.

"May there be lessons learned from this place. I pray this in the name of all things holy," he said.

As names of the dead miners were read, their relatives came forward and put down bouquets. A few reached out and touched the names on the stone.

The Men of the Deeps, a



A family member touches a name on the monument during a memorial service at the Westray Memorial Park in New Glasgow on Wednesday night. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

miners choral group, sang songs about coal mining accompanied by the young people who had placed the roses.

Both the evening ceremony and the morning vigil were held above the section of the mine where it's believed the bodies of 11 men remain buried. Searchers had to leave them entombed in the mine because the rock had become too unstable. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Premier's words

'We will stay vigilant'

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter said at the evening ceremony that his province will never forget the mining disaster, and he noted that mining regulations have

improved by successive governments.

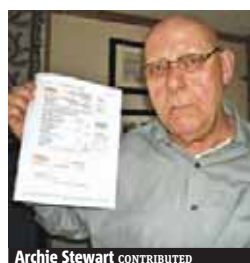
"Nova Scotians remember that day and together we have made a commitment. We will ensure Westray is never forgotten and we will stay vigilant to ensure that nothing like this ever happens again," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Plenty of anger on social media over proposed power-rate hike

Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s latest proposed rate hike has been getting plenty of attention on social media, with most people unhappy the company is calling for a six per cent increase over the next two years.

Archie Stewart, a retired 62-year-old from Port Hawkesbury, started a Facebook group and online petition to stop the increase after it was announced Tuesday morning. Over 800 people have signed the petition Deny Nova Scotia Power a Rate Increase in 2013 by late Wednesday.

"This is telling me I'm not the only one upset," Stewart



Archie Stewart CONTRIBUTED

said. "Once I have close to 100,000 names then that becomes a political issue."

Stewart said he plans to take the petition to Premier Darrell Dexter, who he hopes

can have some influence over the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board's decision about whether to accept the three per cent increase in both 2013 and 2014.

Regarding Dexter's statement to media Tuesday that the extra money for NSPI could help cover the switch to renewable energy, Stewart called that a "load of crock."

"I'm all for saving the environment, but not when seniors are forced to choose between buying drugs, food, or paying their power bill," he said.

Halifax's Karen Saweczko, who also has been using so-

Quoted


"I was shocked by the proposal, because my power bill just went up!"

Karen Saweczko, government employee from Halifax, referring to a Jan. 1 power rate increase of 6.1 per cent.

cial media to sound off on the proposed hike, said Wednesday that in a time when every company is tightening their belts, NSPI can no longer expect to make millions, calling the proposal for more funding "completely unreasonable." **HALEY RYAN/FOR METRO**



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Independence of Communications N.S. scrutinized

Confrontation.

Opposition takes aim at 'partisan' use of non-partisan public-relations wing



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The associate deputy minister of Communications Nova Scotia says the public-relations wing is both non-partisan and exists to serve the government of the day.

Tracey Taweel defended her department's independence against opposition questioning at a meeting of the legislature's public accounts committee on Wednesday.

Liberal MLA Andrew Younger noted the phrase that appears on Government of Nova Scotia communications (Making Life Better for Families) bears a striking resemblance to the NDP's 2009 campaign platform (The NDP Plan to Make Life Better for Today's Families).

"The phrase that's shown up on a lot of the government advertising is remarkably similar to the phrase that was ... on all their election signs (and) election literature," Younger told the committee.

Taweel said there was nothing new there.

"It's normal. Every government develops a set of



Premier Darrell Dexter
RYAN TAPLIN/METRO



Andrew Younger, Liberal MLA
RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Critique

"There is a difference between telling people to call 811 when they have a medical issue and saying, 'Oh, you should feel good about yourself because things aren't as bad as everybody says they are.' ... There's a line that's been crossed."

Andrew Younger, Liberal MLA

corporate messages that they use when communicating with Nova Scotians," responded Taweel.

"During an election, all political parties put forward a platform to the electorate.... Once a party is elected, that platform becomes the policy mandate for all of government."

Outside the committee chambers, Taweel said the similarity between the Government of Nova Scotia's marketing slogan and the

NDP's election platform is not a coincidence — it was developed by both CNS and the premier's office.

"The fact that it was similar to what was put forward in a platform commitment that ultimately, you know, has become the mandate of government is not simply a coincidence," Taweel told reporters. "But the fact that that message did resonate with Nova Scotians means that it is something we do need to take a look at."

NewPage paper mill

Pension windup to be delayed

The province has introduced legislation to delay the windup of the underfunded pension plans at the former NewPage Port Hawkesbury paper mill.

Labour Minister Marilyn More says four pensions at the mill would have up to 11 years to recover from low investment returns and interest rates. She says workers would have the right to opt in or out of the extended windup and get an annual update each year.

The help comes after prospective buyer Pacific West Commercial Corp. said it didn't want to take over the defined benefit plan for workers.

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Muskrat Falls. Nova Scotia Utility to review hydroelectric project

The Nova Scotia government is moving to ensure the province's utility regulator has the authority to review the subsea link of the proposed Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project.

Energy Minister Charlie Parker says proposed legislation tabled Wednesday would see that there is an open and transparent review of the \$1.2-billion link by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

Parker says draft regulations will be developed in consultation with the board and will be available for public comment later this spring.

He says under the Maritime Link Act, the board would

have the power to examine the capital costs of the subsea-link portion of the project and the costs of the electricity it would carry.

Nova Scotia Power's parent company, Emera, has not revealed details yet on how it plans to proceed, but has said it will submit an application for reviewing the link to the board. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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'Labour of love' for Urban Greenway

On the ground.

Grand opening for south-end Halifax trail set for May 26



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Ten years and a lot of work — all for one kilometre of asphalt.

A south-end Halifax community group is finally having an official opening for their Urban Greenway at the end of this month.

"The one kilometre we thought was important because it had been threatened with subdivisions and development," said Mark Poirier, chair of the Halifax Urban Greenway Association.

"It's a fact on the ground now, so it's only just the first piece of something that's supposed to go through the entire city."

The long-term plan is for this trail to connect with the Chain of Lakes trail on one end then push through Saint Mary's University and finish at Point Pleasant Park.

"I think we finally have something that can be shown as 'This is the beginning, now let's move forward on either end,'" Poirier said, adding the connections are probably a decade or more away, due to high costs, and have to go along the rail cut, requiring crossings under bridges.

But the finished one-kilometre stretch is now a heavily used trail along the rail cut near Beaufort Avenue from South Street to Bellevue Avenue.

"This trail was the vision and the dream of several residents in and around the south



Mark Poirier, chair of the Halifax Urban Greenway Association, takes a stroll down the path he helped bring to life over the past decade. JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO

Quoted

"We're very pleased to finally get this in place and we want parts of the community that don't even realize it's here to become acquainted with it."

Mark Poirier, chair of the Halifax Urban Greenway Association

end," said Coun. Sue Uteck.

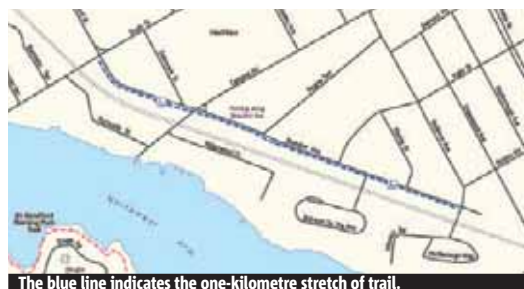
"This project started around 2002, so it's a 10-year labour of love."

The trail has actually been open for close to two years, but since federal infrastructure money was involved, Urban Greenway had to wait for a federal official to be available for the ceremony. The entire project cost \$880,000, with

HRM chipping in \$280,000, and the province and the feds providing the rest.

Over the years, getting CN Rail and the neighbourhood on board was no easy task.

"It was a battle with CN but it was also a battle with the neighbours who had never seen or experienced an urban trail and thought we were going to destroy Beaufort Av-



The blue line indicates the one-kilometre stretch of trail.

enue," Uteck said.

Poirier said once the neighbours were given a tree-by-tree accounting of what would happen to make the trail, they came around.

"Now you talk to people who were in opposition and they say, 'We think everything turned out well when we thought everything would be clearcut,'" he said.

Cole Harbour Place

Workers set to go on strike

It looks certain that maintenance and custodial workers at Cole Harbour Place will be on the picket line at 8 a.m. Thursday, said a union spokesman.

The union's last offer was rejected by managers on Tuesday, said Adam Panko, speaking for the Nova Scotia Union of Public and Private Employees.

The 25 workers currently earn \$10.37 to \$15.64 an hour and are looking for a \$1.45/hour raise over four years. Part-timers want the same holidays as full-timers and to receive double time for working on holidays.

The current position of the union for a 14 per cent plus increase is a non-starter in the current economy, said Cathy Burgess, general manager of Cole Harbour Place. The strike won't shut down the recreation complex.

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Pictou County

Two men charged after jumping from train

Police have laid charges against two men after they were injured jumping from a moving train.

Just after 1 a.m. Wednesday, Pictou County RCMP received a call from a man who had just jumped from a moving train with another male in the Pine Tree area of Pictou County.

Police say the men were waiting for a cab in New Glasgow and decided to board a moving train that was travelling through the town. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

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Rebecca Nichols, aunt of slain Victoria (Tori) Stafford, speaks to the media Wednesday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crown says 25 bits of evidence doom Rafferty

The Tori Stafford murder case. If the jury rules out Terri-Lynne McClintic's story, there are other damning clues, lawyer declares

Will the evidence of drug-addled, violent, lying Terri-Lynne McClintic be enough to convince the jury her boyfriend is guilty of killing Victoria Stafford? Maybe not, the

Lawyer speaks out

"They're guilty from start to finish."

Crown attorney Kevin Gowdey, talking about Terri-Lynne McClintic and Michael Rafferty

The charges

Michael Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

Crown admitted Wednesday. There is no question that McClintic's testimony was flawed, the Crown told the jury at Michael Rafferty's trial.

But there are at least 25 other pieces of evidence that confirm her original story.

McClintic, who had already pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in eight-year-old Tori's death, testified that Rafferty urged her to kidnap a young girl for him, then sexually assaulted the child.

McClintic testified she

then snapped and killed Tori.

But Crown attorney Kevin Gowdey told the jury in London, Ont., to consider what McClintic told police all along — that Rafferty killed the girl.

Gowdey suggested that McClintic's version of events in which she flew into a rage at seeing Rafferty rape Tori was less credible.

But it doesn't matter, he said, whether Rafferty killed Tori or McClintic did.

They both worked together and they both knew Tori would never be returned to her home in Woodstock, Ont.

Rafferty's lawyer has suggested McClintic masterminded the whole murder scheme, that there was no sexual assault, and that Rafferty was just a mere bystander to his twisted girlfriend's plot.

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Going up ... Toews boosting inmates' 'rent'

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews is taking his tough-on-crime campaign a step further by making prison inmates pay more for room and board behind bars.

He said Wednesday that Corrections Canada will also eliminate incentive pay for convicts who work in prison shops, and will turn the run-

ning of all prison canteens over to inmates.

Other changes will streamline the way prisoners purchase products from the outside and make them cover all the costs of their telephone calls.

Toews said the changes will save taxpayers \$10 million a year.

Prisoners now pay up to \$25 a week for room and board, depending on how much they earn in the various prison programs.

The change means that prisoners on the high end of the pay scale will have to pay 30 per cent of their income toward their keep.

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Latest figures

Cancer's death toll declining

The death toll from cancer in Canada is on the decline, the Canadian Cancer Society says.

One factor: Lung cancer is killing fewer Canadian men than it did in earlier decades, the agency says.

About 100,000 lives have been saved in 20 years because of the declining cancer rate, it says.

There have been advances in treatments for several types of cancer, meaning more Canadians are surviving prostate, breast and colorectal cancer as well as for non-Hodgkin lymphoma, said Gillian Bromfield, the cancer society's director of cancer-control policy.

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Officer's testimony

Were paramedics told to back off?

A retired Quebec judge accused of killing his wife asked paramedics not to try to revive her, his murder trial revealed.

Jacques Delisle said his wife killed herself and wanted to die, a police officer told the Quebec City court.

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Ex-judge Jacques Delisle.

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Girl, 13

Man, 50, accused of slashing teen

A 50-year-old man is facing several charges after a 13-year-old girl was allegedly slashed across the neck and back in midtown Toronto.

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Outrage pays off

Kenney changing refugee bill

The Tory government proposed amendments to a controversial new refugee bill Wednesday.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said he was prompted to introduce changes to Bill C-31 by months of outrage from refugee-advocacy groups and opposition critics.

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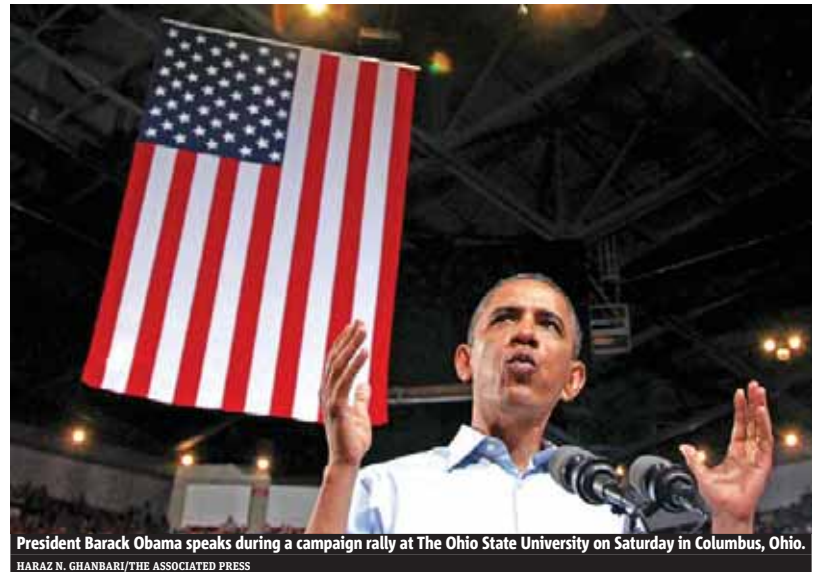
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Obama endorses gay marriage

Controversial stance. Obama is the first U.S. president to publicly adopt the position

Barack Obama made history Wednesday as he became the first U.S. president to throw his support behind same-sex marriage, a hot-button social issue for many of his fellow Americans as a general election looms.

"I've just concluded that, for me personally, it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married," Obama said in an hastily arranged interview with ABC News.

The interview came three days after Vice-President Joe Biden threw his own full sup-

port behind same-sex matrimony.

Obama said his previously "evolving" position has changed over the years as he's "talked to friends and family and neighbours, when I think about members of my own staff who are in incredibly committed monogamous relationships, same-sex relationships."

He also mentioned those serving in the military who are "fighting on my behalf and yet feel constrained, even now that 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' is gone, because they are not able to commit themselves in a marriage."

Obama's wife, Michelle, also influenced his decision, he added.

"This is something that, you know, we've talked about over the years ... and she feels the same way that I do," Obama said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Meanwhile, in the GOP ...

Romney responds

Mitt Romney says he believes marriage should be restricted to one man and one woman and that he's held that view "since running for office."

The presumptive Republican nominee for president called same-sex marriage "a very tender and sensitive topic" following President Obama's declaration of support for same-sex marriage.

Romney says states should be able to decide whether to grant certain legal benefits to same-sex couples. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Counterterrorism

FBI head urges continued wide surveillance

FBI Director Robert Mueller urged Congress on Wednesday to renew wide-ranging surveillance authority to thwart terrorism plots like the latest one in which an al-Qaida-engineered explosive device was to have been detonated on a U.S.-bound flight.

Mueller told the House Judiciary Committee the scheme demonstrates that it's essential for Congress to re-authorize counterterrorism tools of 2008. Some of these programs expire at year-end. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Indonesia. Russian plane missing with 50 on board

A new Russian-made passenger plane went missing over mountains in western Indonesia while on a demonstration flight Wednesday arranged for potential buyers. Fifty people were on board, including diplomats, businesspeople and journalists.

Search-and-rescue teams were deployed to the area just south of the capital, Jakarta, said Bambang Ervan, a spokesman for the Ministry of Transportation. He said more than 100 people were still searching the rugged, forested terrain after darkness fell. Bad weather, however, forced at least two heli-

copters to turn back.

The Sukhoi Superjet-100, Russia's first new passenger jet since the fall of the Soviet Union, took off from the Halim Perdanakusuma Airport for what was supposed to be a quick test flight — its second of the day.

The flight dropped off radar just 21 minutes later, shortly after the crew asked air-traffic control for permission to drop from 3,000 metres to 1,800 metres, said Daryatmo, chief of the national search-and-rescue agency. They didn't explain the change of course, he said.

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A day to capture for generations to come



For some, it's bedtime — for others, it's fun. But for the Aday.org project, it's an insight into the world we live in.

JULIEN GOLDSTEIN

Save the date.

Millions join together on May 15 in the 'largest collaborative photography project in history' that will document daily life

This May 15, Metro readers worldwide are invited to take part in "the largest collaborative photography project in history."

Aday.org asks pro and amateur photographers on one day only this May to take their cameras and capture moments in their daily life. Organizers literally want to get a snapshot of the world we now live in.

"We are encouraging millions to photograph their daily life that will give millions of perspectives for immediate exploration and historic reflection," Ayperi Karabuda Ecer, editor-in-chief of Aday.org, told Metro.

This global event, lauded by luminaries such as Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu and pop artist Robyn, will see millions of images generated for what organizers hope will give a "planetary message for the future."

"This will be an unpreced-

ented mixture of capturing the energy of one single day with preserving it for generations to come," says Ecer, who is vice-president of pictures at Reuters and is on sabbatical leave for the Aday.org project.

Hundreds of Aday.org photo experts, including some 30 World Press Photo winners, are now planning what they'll capture on the day. Photographers must take their images on May 15 and will have one week to upload onto the Aday.org website. The photographs will then be posted on an online database, "an 'exploration centre' to view what the world has shot," Ecer says.

A Day in the World, a book with a thousand images from the project, will be published in November. An exhibition will be screened on outdoor screens in city centres worldwide.

"What's interesting for Metro readers is what their photographic viewpoint of their cities will be and how it'll compare in the future," Ecer adds.

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What to shoot



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Group in charge of changes to e-suffixes moving past glitch

Change.com. Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers targets May 22 to resume taking proposals

The organization overseeing a major expansion of Internet address suffixes hopes to resume taking proposals on May 22 following a technical glitch that shut down its computer system for weeks.

Last month, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers abruptly shut down a system for letting companies and organizations propose new suffixes, after it discovered a software glitch that exposed some private data. The data in some cases offered clues about which companies were proposing what suffixes — details that were

The idea

The idea behind the expansion is to let Las Vegas hotels, casinos and other attractions congregate around "Vegas," or a company such as Canon Inc. draw customers to "cameras.Canon" or "printers.Canon."

- The new system would also make Chinese, Japanese and Swahili versions of ".com" possible.

supposed to be confidential. ICANN said it had no evidence that anyone intentionally viewed the data.

If it can accept proposals again as planned, the application window will run until May 30.

The original deadline was April 12, but ICANN shut down

the system just hours before it was to close. At the time, ICANN planned to reopen the system within four business days. Instead, it found it needed more time to figure out why the software had failed and how to fix it. It also had to notify affected applicants.

Up to 1,000 domain-name suffixes — the ".com" part of an Internet address — could be added each year in the most sweeping change to the domain-name system since its creation in the 1980s.

From a technical standpoint, the names let Internet-connected computers know where to send email and locate websites. But they've come to mean much more.

The delay shouldn't have a major effect on the availability of new suffixes, as the new names won't appear in general use until at least next spring anyway — in many cases, much later.

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Protesting the pipeline

Martin Louie, a First Nations leader from Nadieh, B.C., leads scores of West Coast First Nations and supporters towards Enbridge's annual meeting of shareholders in Toronto Wednesday to denounce a proposed pipeline that would cross their territories. The Yinka-Dene Alliance argues the Northern Gateway project poses a threat to aboriginals' way of life by threatening waterways and ecosystems. Project opponents travelled from the West Coast aboard a "Freedom Train" to make their point in the country's financial heartland.

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BlackBerry. Canadian smartphone maker granted American patent

Research in Motion, the Waterloo, Ont.-based smartphone maker, has been granted a patent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office for an "angular keyboard for a handheld mobile communication device."

Submitted in January 2009, RIM's patent application outlined a newly designed smartphone keyboard with angled lines separating each key.

RIM said the unique keyboard makes it easier for users to type and increases accuracy.

The beleaguered company

has been denying rumours that it's phasing keyboards out of its smartphone designs, in favour of flat front surfaces like Apple's iPhone.

Chief executive Thorsten Heins told media at the BlackBerry World conference in Orlando last week that RIM's new line of smartphones, to be installed with the forthcoming BlackBerry 10 operating system, will include models with and without keyboards.

"We won't lose the focus on physical keypads," Heins said.

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U.S. Defence

The U.S. Defence Department has given the thumbs-up to the BlackBerry 7.

- RIM says the BlackBerry Torch and Curve models, which include touch-screen models and touch-screen-and-keyboard models, have passed U.S. army and Defence Information Systems Agency security tests.

Allegations. SNC-Lavalin faces \$1.5-billion lawsuit

Embattled engineering giant SNC-Lavalin is facing its second class-action lawsuit in months after a Toronto firm said it is seeking \$1.5 billion on behalf of investors outside of Quebec who saw the value of their asset plummet.

Rochon Genova LLP announced the lawsuit Wednesday, alleging the Montreal-based company violated securities law by misrepresenting that it had adequate controls and procedures to ensure accurate disclosure and financial reporting.

"When a company repeated-

ly highlights its strong governance practices to the investing public, revelations of serious misconduct cause damage to the company's reputation and, in turn, substantial harm to its investors," lawyer John Archibald said in a news release.

The claim arises from alleged payments made by SNC-Lavalin to members, associates, and agents of the Gadhafi regime to secure contracts for infrastructure projects in Libya. The allegations have not been proven in court.

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Tim Hortons

Coffee chain flourishes despite tough times

Financially squeezed coffee drinkers have largely been undeterred from frequent visits to Tim Hortons Inc., but the coffee and doughnut chain said it has seen a decline in hard-hit manufacturing towns.

Tim Hortons reported Wednesday a 10 per cent increase in first-quarter earnings and a 12 per cent rise in sales, driven by strong same-store sales growth in both its Canadian and U.S. stores. The growth came despite a challenging market that included high unemployment and gas prices as well as shaky consumer confidence, CEO Paul House told analysts on a conference call to discuss the quarterly results.

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Summer is almost here — and that means summer movie season has been underway for only 14 weeks.

That might seem counter-intuitive, but that's only because

you don't think like a movie exec (sniffing a marker helps).

The reason that summer "films" start while you're getting over your New Year's hangover is, of course, that they make more money. Hollywood "event movies" attract more people willing to pay \$13 (\$47 with popcorn) because those films have a greater number of complex thematic elements involving explosions, car chases and bosoms.

So if you expand the summer to include months that aren't technically summer, you can expand on your explosions, and squeeze in more breasts and crash for cash.

This is vital to the modern movie exec because, as any trade publication will tell you, the movie industry is worse off financially than Greece. Attendance was down so far last year that insiders were comparing it to way back in — cross yourself if you're Christian — 1995.

Blockbusters

"They pull in crowds and often can save money by avoiding the services of a writer. Instead, a computer runs components of comedy, drama and pathos through a series of algorithms, then recommends a comic-book movie."

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The good news is this ploy usually saves the movie industry (and without a moment to spare!). The bad news is it will only be successful until 2024, when Hollywood will burn through the last possible remaining superhero adaptation (Aquaman III: War Seahorse).

It's a bad scene all around. If people stop going to the movies, they'll have to stop making them. Or stop paying actors \$10 million a film — but that would be madness.

So, I beg of you, please go see all the summer flicks you can. If not for Hollywood, then for me.

You see, movies like The Avengers and Spider-Man and Battleship (Battleship?!) help keep the industry afloat so I can sit alone in theatres watching subtitled films that I pretend to understand. I'll accept your car chases and explosions and bosoms, if you'll accept my subtitles and nonsense scenes and, okay, bosoms.

Summer movie season keeps expanding even as I hope that movies will get smaller. Or, as Hollywood puts it, "I'm getting too old for this."



The Avengers: Keeping Hollywood afloat one explosion at a time.
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Number of iPad users climbs



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Animal advancement

They aren't just monkeying around

Experts who work with higher primates have been using sign language and other methods to communicate with apes for years. But with advancements in tablet computer technology, workers at Jungle Island zoo in Miami are using iPads to better communicate with their orangutans, such as the one pictured above.

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Sound familiar?

"Our young ones pick up on it. They understand it. It's like, 'Oh, I get this' ... Our two older ones, they just are not interested. I think they just figure 'I've gotten along just fine in this world without this communication skill here and the iPad, and I don't need a computer.'"

Linda Jacobs, who oversees the technology experiment at Miami's Jungle Island

Smart but silent

Intelligent mammals without voice boxes

Orangutans are extremely intelligent but limited by their physical inability to talk, said Linda Jacobs, who is head of the Miami-based program.

"They are sort of trapped in those bodies," Jacobs said. "They have the intelligence that they need to communicate, but they don't have the right equipment, because they don't have voice boxes or vocal cords."

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Tablet

Add 'tech-savvy' to their resume

Scientist and conservationist Birute Mary Galdikas, founder of Orangutan Foundation International, said orangutans are among the most intelligent animals.

"iPads seem to work for humans. It's not surprising that orangutans, who share 97 per cent of their genetic material with humans, like them, too," Galdikas said.

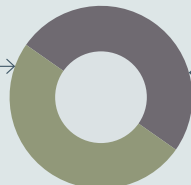
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Halifax's Olivier Jarda is performing this Saturday at the Rockbottom Brewpub. CONTRIBUTED

Jarda: I write what I see

Good Luck Cartel.

Olivier Jarda taps into his worldly perspective for his latest album



BACKSTAGE PASS
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Music can be used as a vital tool for expression. From Dylan to Ditty, everyone has a unique message and sound to bring to the table.

Quoted

"On this new record I think I deal a lot with what keeps a city alive — what makes a city strong, wither, thrive."

Olivier Jarda

Local singer-songwriter Olivier Jarda may have a smaller audience, but if anything, Jarda's constant travels and hometown shuffling give this young musician a leg up on those just cracking into the business.

Born in Ottawa but hav-

ing grown up in northern New Brunswick and eventually finding himself in Halifax, Jarda, ever the observationist, has had the chance to witness all the many facets of modern life.

"I like writing accessible music about the daily

struggles of people, about my environment — what's wrong with it, right with it — and personal conflict," Jarda told me over tea recently. "I write what I see."

Jarda began writing music in high school, kept following his passion through his undergrad and even toured around Canada.

Upon graduation, the group he was working with split up and Jarda moved to England, where he began compiling material for a solo album.

"I'm confident working in a studio and I felt like a solo album was an achievable goal — to go in on my own and focus."

After years of playing in bands, Jarda finally struck out on his own with his latest album, Good Luck Cartel.

"There are reverberations of my time in England, trips to South Africa, living in the States, and my life in the Maritimes," he said. "I try to bounce all those places off each other."

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SCENE

Celebrity buzz

Hayley Attwell to star in new film

Hayley Attwell of Captain America: The First Avenger will be starring in a new film with a somewhat familiar title. Intandem Films said Wednesday that Attwell has been cast in 10 Things I Hate About Life, a romantic comedy to be written and directed by Gil Junger. Junger directed the hit 1999 movie 10 Things I Hate About You, which starred Heath Ledger, Julia Stiles and Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Intandem will produce 10 Things I Hate About Life with Mad Chance Productions, according to literary and talent agency APA.

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Jonathan Frid

Barnabas made show a ratings hit



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This weekend, Tim Burton and Johnny Depp bring the long-dead gothic soap opera *Dark Shadows* to back to life.

The 1960s melodrama — which TV Guide included on its Top Cult Shows Ever list — hinged on the supernatural comings and goings at the Collins family's estate.

Werewolves, zombies and witches all appeared, but it was Barnabas Collins, a lovesick vampire troubled by his immortal existence — although it wasn't until episode 410 that they actually used the "v"-word; before then they'd say, "he walks at night but he ain't alive" — who brought in upwards of 20 million afternoon viewers during the show's heyday.

Collins, played by Canadian actor Jonathan Frid (who passed away last month at age 87), was the show's biggest star and the reason stars like Quentin



Canadian Jonathan Frid had a legion of dedicated fans in the 60s. HANDOUT

Tarantino and Madonna never missed an episode.

Depp, who resurrects the character in the movie, was also a big fan.

"Jonathan Frid was the reason I used to run home from school to watch *Dark Shadows*," he said, adding that as a child, he was so obsessed with Barnabas Collins that he wanted to be him.

The fame that came along with playing the lusty vampire was unexpected. When Frid won the role, he was planning a move to San Diego to teach acting and only accepted the part as a three-week gig to make money for the move.

"Ever since Frid joined *Dark Shadows* in April 1967, the program's ratings have zoomed," wrote the *Chicago Tribune*, "and Frid's popular-

ity has soared so rapidly that not even television's image-makers, let alone the actor himself, can explain it."

The character struck a chord with audiences, but in his first weeks wearing Barnabas' cape, he had no idea of his popularity. When a producer handed him a piece of paper, he only reluctantly accepted it, thinking it was a pink slip. It wasn't. It was a piece of fan mail.

Frid also played the character on the big screen in *House of Dark Shadows* — but be warned, the movie is much bloodier than the soap.

After *Dark Shadows* left the air in 1971, Frid worked primarily on stage, but his final performance — as a guest at a Collins' Manor gala — is featured in Tim Burton's movie.

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Richards, Sambora back together

Five years after splitting up, Richie Sambora and Denise Richards are back together, they confirm to *Us Weekly*. And it turns out Richards' recent adoption of a baby girl helped win Sambora over again.

"That is just a wonderful, wonderful, wonderful thing. When she did that, it just made me fall in love with her more," he says.

"It's such a beautiful thing to do. It's such a giving thing."

Richards also has two daughters, 8-year-old Sam and 6-year-old Lola, with ex-husband Charlie Sheen.



Justin Bieber

Biebs gets his diploma

Justin Bieber can add high-school graduate to his list of accomplishments, he tells the *Daily Telegraph*.

"I just finished high school," says Bieber, who managed to squeeze in time for classes and studying while on the road. "I passed

my test. I'm free! It was hard doing school and work every day." So why was finishing school so important to the top-selling pop sensation? "(Getting my diploma) was something my mom really wanted me to do, so I had to do it for her," he says.

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Christina's still a fighter

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You know *The Voice* has arrived in the world of reality TV when its feuding judges are making more headlines than the contestants. Jermaine Paul may have been crowned the winner Tuesday night, but all eyes were on Christina Aguilera.

Some called out Aguilera for being unreasonably harsh with contestant Tony Lucca — a fellow Mickey Mouse club alum — which reportedly led to problems with Lucca's mentor on the show, Maroon 5 frontman Adam Levine.

"You could cut the tension with a knife," a source tells *UsMagazine.com* of

Monday night's taping.

"Adam also talks a ton of s— about Christina and makes fun of her behind her back."

While Christina claims it's not personal and doesn't even remember Lucca from their Disney days, another Mouseketeer isn't so sure.

"Britney was in love with (Lucca). Christina was in love with him. Mylin was in love with him," Dale Godboldo tells *TMZ*. "All of this (*Voice*) madness was not brought on by Tony."

Christina reportedly apologized backstage to Lucca for the drama, but come on — this is the closest thing a child star has to walking into her high-school reunion looking hot. If she needs to spin around in her *Voice* space chair and pretend not to recognize the chubby quarterback begging for approval in front of her, we say go for it.



John Travolta. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Another lawsuit filed against Travolta

A second unidentified man has filed a \$2 million sexual battery suit against John Travolta, according to *Radar Online*. The new accusation centres on a massage session in an Atlanta hotel during which a naked Travolta allegedly behaved in a sexually aggressive and forceful manner.

The new accuser claims to have "substantial documentation and numerous witnesses regarding the

substance of Travolta's actions," according to the lawsuit.

The second man is being represented by the same lawyer who brought forward another man's accusations late last week that the actor made unwanted sexual advances during a massage.

Travolta's lawyer calls the second lawsuit "as absurd and ridiculous as the first one."

Hoffman the hero

Dustin Hoffman jumped into action after seeing a jogger collapse in London from a heart attack, calling paramedics and staying by the man's side until he was OK, according to the *Sun*.

"Dustin was fascinated," a paramedic tells the newspaper. "He seemed impressed we'd got this guy back so quickly. When we

were carrying the patient into the ambulance he walked up and said, 'Great job, guys.' He really appreciated what had happened."

As for the jogger? "I have no memory of what happened," the man, Sam Dempster, says. "The paramedics told me I had been saved by Dustin Hoffman. It's unbelievable."

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Style in brief

Would you wear l'eau de Brad Pitt?

Brad Pitt is the new face of Chanel's No. 5 perfume. The French-based company announced Wednesday that the 48-year-old actor will star in an upcoming ad campaign for its signature women's scent. Other famous names who have been the face of Chanel include Catherine Deneuve, Nicole Kidman and Audrey Tautou. Chanel's founding designer, the late Coco Chanel, also modeled in ads in 1937 for what is now the company's oldest fragrance. It remains one of the world's top-selling perfumes. Pitt, once named People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive, is engaged to Angelina Jolie.

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Beyond floral prints: Native New Yorker's innovative living dresses bring Central Park to North Dakota

There's No Doubt Stefani line will be a hit at Target

Dressing tweens.

Stylish singer balances fun fashion with age-appropriate items in her new line for young girls

Gwen Stefani is no stranger to multitasking, juggling her music career — she's wrapping up a new album with No Doubt — and her fashion projects, which include the debut of the newest Harajuku Mini collection at Target next week.

But, Stefani says, it's her sons that mostly keep her on her toes. Some days, running Kingston, 6, and Zuma, 4, back and forth to school, doing homework and tucking them into bed seems to take up the biggest part of her day.

"I like to be with them whenever I can, of course," the 42-year-old singer-designer says. Her mother was very

hands-on, and Stefani says that's what she's striving to do.

Some of her favourite memories include wearing Holly Hobbie bonnets and velvet dresses with lace collars that her mother made for her.

"Growing up, I had a really amazing mom who was really creative. She made stuff for every holiday, and I learned how to sew. ... She has really good style — and I feel like my parents let me be creative — but they'd always check my skirt length," Stefani says.

Stefani has been designing her LAMB line for women for nine years, so, she says, this collaboration on a children's line came pretty easily because she knows the design and manufacturing process, has more ideas than she knows what to do with, and has learned to edit herself for a clear, consumer-friendly message.

Plus, how much fun is it to dress up grade-school girls?

"When I first started this line, I thought it was going to be for under 5, but Target wanted me to do the bigger girls, which is a really strange age," she says.

"They're so inspired by things they see, trying to find themselves, expressing themselves. They're influenced by friends, what they see on TV and the Internet. I thought it sounded like a big job but I've gotten into it."

The clothes, available in stores Monday, are a mix of the girly frills and masculine silhouettes that Stefani says are staples of her own wardrobe.

And she's conscious of being age-appropriate.

"That part is challenging," she says, "but I think we've done a good job."

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Despite being a fashion icon, Gwen Stefani says her son Kingston loathes to take advice from mom. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fashion wars**Stylish kids**

While tween girls are willing to take style advice from Gwen Stefani, her sons have no problem saying "no," especially Kingston, who likes to pick out his own outfits any chance he gets because he wears a uniform to school. Mom still wins the fashion wars occasionally, though.

"I do like to do a matching outfit at holiday time," she says.

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Create an inspiring office in a tiny space

Home decor. Five ways to build a dedicated place to work in a small urban apartment

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One of the biggest complaints full-time freelancers make about working at home is feeling like they're never able to leave the office — because it's literally in their living room.

While urban living often means small quarters, it's certainly possible to create a separate home office that feels like a dedicated work space — even if it's just in a tiny studio. Here's how:

1. Carve out a clear-cut space
Corners generally work best when creating a work nook. Select a corner of your kitchen, living room or studio apartment that gets particularly good light and then tape the floor to demarcate exactly how large or small you want your "office" to be.

Be strict about containing your office furniture and any other related work materials to the space you've taped off, so as to have a clear work-only zone in your home. Just be sure to remove the tape once you've

finished decorating.

2. Set a different tone
Does the rest of your home have a maximal look that's densely filled with decorative items from your past 10 years of travel? Then make your work space clean and minimal. Is your apartment already sparse? Then buy a bold piece of artwork, create a mood board, or put together a small gallery of images to hang above your desk and define the look of the space, setting it apart from the rest of your home. Bottom line, you want to be able to sit down at your desk and feel like you're in a different zone — a productive one.

3. Keep the furniture lean
A simple tabletop with two legs will do. The bulkier the desk, the smaller it will make the rest of your kitchen or living room (or other multi-tasking space) feel. So keep your desk compact and lean, with no more than two drawers.

The downside is that you won't have much storage space for books, files and whatnot. The upside is that it will be a great test in how to stay organized.

4. Pick a few signature colours
This will give your nook its own look and character. Do this through an accent wall, wall decals or decorative acces-

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sories. Colours are an age-old mood booster. That means a dedicated palette can help you feel like you're stepping into the office — and most importantly, leaving it behind — at the beginning and end of each day.

5. Make your organizational items do double-duty
The sight of bulging file folders with bills, leases, and unmet work deadlines will depress anyone. The least you can do is dress it up in better looking packaging such as a compact, primary coloured file cabinet.

Surprise mom: Skip eggs for trendy bites

Cinnamon Sugar Croissants



This recipe makes 24 servings. MATTHEW MEAD / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. In bowl, mix together the cinnamon and sugar. Set aside.

2. One at a time, unwrap and unfold sheets of puff pastry. Use paring knife to cut sheet in half lengthwise. Starting in one corner, cut each half into 6 triangles. Use rolling pin to roll out each triangle to just barely flatten. Lightly brush with melted butter.

3. Sprinkle a bit of the cinna-

mon sugar over each triangle. One at a time, start with the wide end of each triangle and roll it into a log. Gently bend the ends so they curve inward to form a crescent.

4. Transfer to prepared baking sheets. Repeat the rolling with the remaining triangles.

5. Brush the tops of each croissant with a bit more butter, then sprinkle a bit more cinnamon sugar over each. Bake for 20 minutes, or until puffed and lightly browned.

Let cool for several minutes, serve warm.

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Ingredients

Start to finish: 40 minutes

- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 cup sugar
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- 4 tablespoons butter, melted

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MOTHER'S DAY GIFT GUIDE

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Fresh ways to say 'I Love You'

Appreciation. Surprise mom with these ideas to celebrate the most important woman in our lives

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For Metro

While most moms would cheerfully accept a late sleep-in, a homemade breakfast in bed or a lovely mid-day brunch out as a token

of appreciation for Mother's Day, maybe this year you can freshen up your ideas to surprise mom.

We asked Ann Douglas, author of The Mother of All books series and a mom to four children, for some thoughts on new ways to

celebrate this important woman in our lives.

GREEN THUMB IT

Got a mom who loves to garden? Share her passion, suggests Douglas.

"Plan to spend Mother's Day afternoon visiting a garden centre, picking out some plants, seeds, gardening tools, or books for a special garden you will plant together."

GET CREATIVE

Spend some quality time with mom by upcycling. "Turn an old sweater into a throw cushion or give an old dresser that's missing some drawers a makeover," says Douglas.

HEAD OUTSIDE

"Take a hike with mom," suggests Douglas. Be sure to snap some photos of the day and put some thought into

how you will display those photos — think turning the pictures into fridge magnets or hanging them on a mini-clothesline.

START A SWAP

Expand mom's literary repertoire by organizing a book swap for her. "The moms might be too busy to pull this off on Mother's Day, so plan to do this in a few weeks' time. Ask your

mom to select a half-dozen books she loved, but that she's unlikely to read again. Then ask her to invite a half-dozen friends — and tell her friends to do the same. Tell her you'll make dessert, coffee, and tea and serve her guests during her book swap."

GET CRAFTY

Start a Mother's Day scrapbook that you will add to every year, suggests Douglas. "Take photos and write stories about you and your mom and the adventures you've had this year."

START WALKING

Get your mother moving by teaming up for the Breast Cancer Society of Canada's annual walk (check out mothersdaywalk.ca for the locations near you). Or if your mom really wants to get going, sign up together for a running clinic or start a race training program. Retailers such as The Running Room offer clinics for walkers and runners of all levels, as well as race training plans. If mom isn't a runner or walker, opt for something else to get her out and about, such as a yoga or a dance class you can take together.

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It's the 20th anniversary of **Lalique de Lalique**, an ultra-feminine floral with a sensual finish. Special 100 ml Eau de Parfum and Eau de Toilette flacons include a gold-plated jasmine flower pendant necklace each; one



in 20 has an amber-coloured Lalique crystal pendant instead. \$135, Holt Renfrew.

Lancôme combines cutting-edge anti-aging technology with luxury and heritage in its new Absolu L'Extrait. The formula contains two million cell-

regenerating stem cells from the Lancôme Rose (created in 1973), and is housed in an updated version of a 1936 Lancôme jar. It's coming in June; a note of intent will tide mom over. \$350, lancôme.ca.

Clockwise, from left, Lalique de Lalique Eau de Parfum, Lancôme Absolu L'Extrait, Crabtree & Evelyn Lily Jewelry Box Gift, and YSL La Laque Couture collection.



Hayley Wickenheiser
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Nominate your mom

Walmart Canada is celebrating Mother's Day by launching the Mom of the Year Award, an annual initiative designed to give Canadians an opportunity to recognize the enormous contribution of their mothers.

Once nominated, each mom will be asked to outline one charity or cause that is close to her heart because the award recipient, who will receive \$10,000 to pamper herself, will also receive \$100,000 for donation.

"The Mom of the Year Award gives all of us an opportunity to say 'thank you' to those mothers who have had the biggest impact on us," said Shelley Broader, president and CEO of Walmart Canada. "We hope that every Canadian will join us in our charge to give back to moms by nominating a special mom they know."

A selection committee of Mom Ambassadors comprised of three admired Canadian mothers and two Walmart Canada moms will determine the recipient of the Mom of the Year Award. Olympic champion and women's hockey icon Hayley Wickenheiser, editor-in-chief of Today's Parent magazine Karine Ewart, and celebrated opera singer Natalie Choquette will work alongside senior vice-president of marketing for Walmart Canada, Emma Fox, and Broader.

The committee will select eight finalists, who will be flown to Toronto for a day of pampering, a photo shoot and an awards gala. Each finalist will receive \$10,000 to spend on themselves, and seven will receive an additional \$10,000 each for their charity or cause of choice. The Mom of the Year Award recipient will receive \$100,000 for the charity or cause of their choice.

Nominations for the Mom of the Year Awards close July 8. Finalists will be notified by Aug. 15. Visit momoftheyear.ca for more information.

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Recipe. Honey Almond Cream with Berries

Make your mom proud this Mother's Day by serving a special spring brunch.

This fanciful dish from the Almond Board of California is sure to impress and is simple to make.

Using a blend of fresh berries, cottage cheese, slivered almonds and a touch of honey, the flavours are sure to brighten up her day.

Directions

1 In a food processor or blender, process cottage cheese for one minute. Scrape sides of container and process for one minute, or until smooth. Transfer to an airtight container; refrigerate

for about eight hours, or until firm.

2 Put cottage cheese in a medium bowl; gently fold in sour cream. Fold in honey and almond extract. (At this point, mixture can be refrigerated for up to two days in an airtight container.)

3 At serving time, slice strawberries; in a medium bowl, gently combine with other berries. Spoon about 1/3 cup (75 ml) berries into each of 12 individual bowls or goblets. Top each serving with about 2 tbsp (30 ml) cream mixture, then sprinkle each with almonds. Makes 12 servings. **NEWS CANADA**

Ingredients

- 1 cup (250 ml) no-salt-added 1% cottage cheese
- ½ cup (125 ml) non-fat or light sour cream
- ¼ cup (60 ml) honey
- ½ tsp (2 ml) almond extract
- 1 pint (470 ml) fresh strawberries (about 2 cups, 500 ml)
- ½ pint fresh raspberries (about 1 cup, 250 ml)
- ½ pint fresh blueberries (about 1 cup, 250 ml)
- ½ cup (125 ml) slivered almonds, dry-roasted



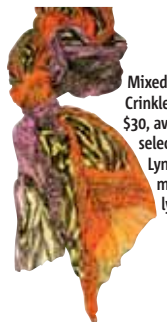
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SPORTS

In brief

Saint Mary's names hall inductees

Saint Mary's has named Don Murphy, Bill Scollard and Robert (Puddy) Reardon as this year's inductees to its Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre. Murphy, a linebacker, and Scollard, a receiver/punter, were former football standouts. Reardon excelled in curling, baseball, football and hockey in the 1940s. They will be inducted at the Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness on Sept. 22.



Brody Blair of Lyons Brook, Pictou Co., spars with his father, Robert, in this file photo. Blair and Dartmouth's Custio Clayton will have to wait until the weekend to see if they qualify for the Olympics. TRANSCONTINENTAL MEDIA/NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Boxers' Olympics bids down to last gasp

London 2012.

Dartmouth's Clayton needs his quarter-final opponent to win gold to help him qualify for the London Games



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Dartmouth's Custio Clayton just became Myke Carvalho's biggest fan.

Clayton missed a chance to clinch a spot at the Summer Olympics on Wednesday

night, falling to the Brazilian Carvalho in the quarter-finals of the 69-kilogram weight class at the International Boxing Association American zone Olympic qualifiers in Rio de Janeiro.

Since the top-five finishers advance to London, the 24-year-old Clayton can still clinch the fifth and final Olympic spot if Carvalho goes on to win the qualifying tournament with two more victories.

Carvalho, a two-time Olympian who won bronze at the 2007 Pan American Games, edged Clayton 12-9 in points.

Brody Blair of Lyons

Brook, Pictou Co., also lost in the quarter-finals on Wednesday night, falling to Junior Castillo of the Dominican Republic in the 75-kilogram weight class. Castillo had a 20-15 edge in points.

The loss leaves the 20-year-old Blair in an identical situation to Clayton, as he can only qualify for the Olympics if Castillo goes on to win the qualifying tournament.

"We're really keeping our fingers crossed," Robert Blair, Brody Blair's father, told the New Glasgow News. "I asked Brody if (Castillo) was good enough to win (the qualifying tournament) and he said, 'He certainly is with his speed.'"

By the numbers

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The number of Nova Scotians who have already qualified for the Olympics. Halifax's David Sharp (swimming), Truro's Tracy Cameron (rowing), Antigonish's Eric Gillis (marathon) and Glen Haven's Danielle Dube (sailing) have already clinched spots.

Castillo will face Jose Espinoza Mena of Venezuela on Friday, while Carvalho goes up against Carlos Sanchez Estacio of Ecuador.

The tournament winner will be decided on Saturday.

Football**Alouettes sign Axemen QB Graves to team**

The Montreal Alouettes have signed Acadia Axemen quarterback Kyle Graves.

It's the second time in as many days the Alouettes have added a Canadian-born quarterback. On Tuesday, the CFL club signed McMaster Marauders star Kyle Quinlan.

Graves, a native of Barrie, Ont., participated in the CFL's evaluation camp in March but was bypassed in last week's Canadian college draft.

Both Quinlan, of South Woodside, Ont., and Graves are longshots to crack Montreal's roster but each is also eligible to return to school this fall.

Veterans Anthony Calvillo and Adrian McPherson are firmly entrenched as Montreal's starter and backup, respectively.

That will leave the Canadians to battle fourth-year pro Ricky Santos and sophomore Josh Neiswander, both imports, for the No. 3 position.

Graves threw for 1,856 yards and 17 touchdowns last fall en route to Atlantic University Sport MVP honours. He also rushed for 183 yards and a major and piled up 2,351 yards as the team's punter.

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Acadia quarterback Kyle Graves
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Sea Dogs have one hand on President's Cup



Cole Harbour's Stephen MacAulay of the Saint John Sea Dogs.

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Danick Gauthier scored two goals to lead the Saint John Sea Dogs to a 6-4 win over the Rimouski Oceanic on Wednesday in Game 3 of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League President's Cup final.

Saint John has a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven championship series and can wrap up the QMJHL title and a trip to the Memorial Cup Thursday night in Rimouski.

Charles-Olivier Roussel, Stephen MacAulay, Stanislav Galiev and Tomas Jurco also scored for the Sea Dogs, while Saint John goalie Mathieu Corbeil stopped 23 of 27 shots.

Jerome Gauthier-Leduc, Alexandre Mallet, Petr Straka

and Francis Beauvillier scored for the Oceanic. Alex Belzile added two assists for Rimouski and netminders Jacob Gervais-Chouinard and Carl Hozjan faced 27 shots.

Roussel gave the Sea Dogs a 1-0 lead at 8:53 of the first period, finishing a three-on-one. Rimouski responded with Gauthier-Leduc's power-play goal just over two minutes later.

Saint John took a 2-1 lead on MacAulay's goal at 17:30 of the second period, and Gauthier made it 3-1 just 33 seconds later. Rimouski pulled within one when Mallet scored 18 seconds into the third period.

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Corbeil gets award

- Former Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Mathieu Corbeil was named Canadian Hockey League goaltender of the week on Wednesday.

- The 20-year-old Columbus Blue Jackets draft pick made 40 saves in the Saint John Sea Dogs' 3-2 double-overtime win over the Rimouski Oceanic in Game 1 of the QMJHL final last Friday night. He also made 14 saves in Game 2 on Saturday.

On the web

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NBA

Heat blast past Knicks in 5

LeBron James decided not to play in New York two summers ago. He won't be playing there anymore this season, either.

The Knicks have been put away, and the Miami Heat are headed to the second round of the NBA playoffs..

Miami won the series 4-1, and will meet Indiana in the East semi-finals starting Sunday in Miami. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MLB

Shuffled Jays lineup pays off

Adam Lind hit a two-run homer after being demoted from the cleanup spot before the game, and J.P. Encarnicia and Edwin Encarnacion each hit a solo drive to help the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Oakland Athletics 5-2 on Wednesday.

Brandon Morrow (4-1) struck out a season-high 10 in six innings and won his fourth straight start. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Tennis

Raonic repelled by Federer

Canada's Milos Raonic pushed Roger Federer to the brink of elimination in the second round of the Madrid Open.

But the hard-hitting native of Thornhill, Ont., couldn't complete the upset as the third-seeded Federer survived two tiebreakers en route to a 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4) win Wednesday.

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Capitals refuse to bow out

NHL. Ovechkin, Holtby lead way as Washington wins 2-1 to sends series to New York for Game 7

Alex Ovechkin rebounded from a rare zero-shot performance by scoring after 88 seconds Wednesday night, Braden Holtby made 30 saves, and the Washington Capitals recovered from a potentially devastating loss by beating the top-seeded New York Rangers 2-1 to force a Game 7 in the Eastern Conference semifinal.

Two nights after blowing a lead in the last 10 seconds of regulation and losing in overtime, the No. 7-seeded Capitals showed immediately they were over it. Ovechkin's early power-play goal and Jason Chimera's

second-period score were just enough for the unflappable playoff rookie Holtby.

The teams meet in New York on Saturday night to determine who will face the New Jersey Devils in the conference finals.

With his mom covering her eyes in the stands, Holtby made only one error, and it came with 50.5 seconds left — a goal that was credited to Marian Gaborik and deflected off a skate and someone in a scrum in the crease. Forgive any Capitals fans for thinking, "Uh, oh. Here we go again." But Washington held on this time.

Before Wednesday's game, Ovechkin told reporters: "We just can't go home right now."

He helped make sure they didn't yet.

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The Capitals celebrate captain Alex Ovechkin's first-period goal against the Rangers on Wednesday night.

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MLB's fours of nature

Josh Hamilton's historic slugfest Tuesday night in Baltimore made him the 16th player in major-league history with four homers in a game. Here's how his big night stacks up against four of the most recent:

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Josh Hamilton

Texas, May 8, 2012

The Rangers slugger sets an AL record with 18 total bases, going 5-for-5 with four two-run shots and eight RBIs in a 10-3 win over the Orioles.

Carlos Delgado

Toronto, Sept. 25, 2003

The last man before Hamilton to homer four times in a game, Delgado went 4-for-4 with six RBIs as the Jays beat Tampa Bay 10-8 in Toronto.



Mike Cameron

Seattle, May 2, 2002

Hit four consecutive solo home runs in the Mariners' 15-4 victory against the White Sox. In his fifth at-bat, he hit a flyball to the track that was caught.

Shawn Green

Los Angeles, May 23, 2002

Went 6-for-6, with a single and double to go with his homers. Set MLB record with 19 total bases and had seven RBIs in the Dodgers' 16-3 win in Milwaukee.



Mark Whiten

St. Louis, Sept. 7, 1993

After going hitless in the first game of the double-header in Cincinnati, Whiten, seen here as a Yankee, went 4 for 5, tying another major league record with 12 RBIs as the Cardinals won 15-2.

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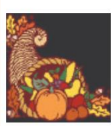
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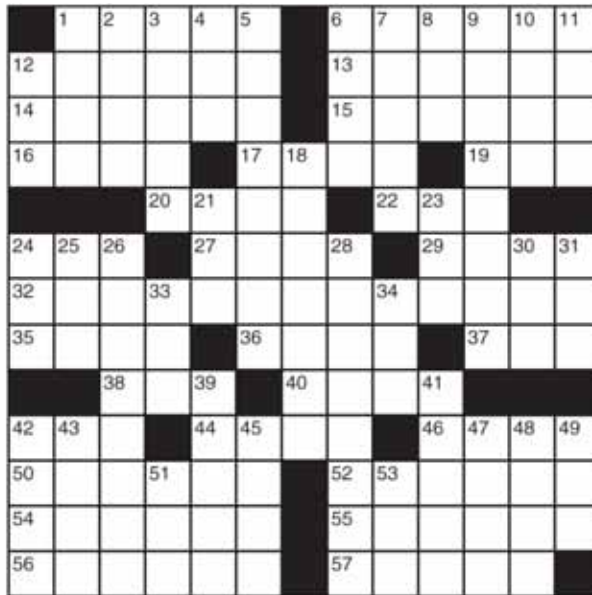
Crossword

Across

- 1 Tea variety
- 6 Wahines' greetings
- 12 Tire type
- 13 Rest
- 14 "2001: A Space Odyssey" writer
- 15 Forgoes restaurants
- 16 Bullets
- 17 Burn some
- 19 Youngster
- 20 Presidential power
- 22 Dundee denial
- 24 Egos' counterparts
- 27 007 villain
- 29 Despondent
- 32 Signs of wonder
- 35 Unaccompanied
- 36 Great Lakes tribe
- 37 "Of course"
- 38 Pole employee
- 40 Verve
- 42 Exemplar of easiness
- 44 Sci-fi knights
- 46 Open a bit
- 50 Proportions
- 52 Character
- 54 Hymn renderers
- 55 Walking on air
- 56 Pace
- 57 Angers

Down

- 1 Tropical tree
- 2 Cheese choice
- 3 Russian ballet company
- 4 Squirrel's hangout
- 5 Shockingly exciting
- 6 Neighborhood
- 7 Memorize
- 8 Make up your mind
- 9 Inn
- 10 One side of the Urals
- 11 Fax
- 12 GE merger co.
- 18 Esteemed
- 21 NYC summer hrs.
- 23 Attorneys' org.
- 24 Smart figures?
- 25 Twosome
- 26 TV channel knob, e.g.
- 28 Youngman joke
- 30 Guitar's kin
- 31 Double curve
- 33 Costa del —
- 34 Culpa preceder
- 39 Norwegian inlet
- 41 Birth-related
- 42 Circle portions
- 43 Money of Thailand
- 45 Being, to Brutus
- 47 Twine fiber
- 48 Belligerent deity



- 49 Crimson
- 51 Afternoon hour
- 53 "When We Were Kings"

subject

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

SGOTZNG EG OLYKUYZTHHF
GFGSTHNN XGLXHG BZIGHF.
EG ETN GTBYGI KEG
YUODYTWG "NKTBG WTNKGB."
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A GUY'S
WALKING CANE IS TOO SMALL FOR HIM TO USE
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♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

A friend appears to have turned against you. Don't get too worked up because most likely it is a simple misunderstanding.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Things you were unable to say in the past won't be so hard to say now that Mercury, planet of communication, has joined the Sun in your sign.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Don't let someone talk you into getting involved with something you don't feel entirely happy about.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

You need to get back to basics and work out why a project of some sort has failed to get off the ground.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Cosmic activity at the mid-heaven angle of your chart urges you to be ambitious but it also warns you don't have to be too aggressive.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Your confidence is sky-high at the moment and it will climb even higher. Keep making the most of it.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Try not to pay attention to what critics say today because they are desperate to undermine your confidence.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

A loved one will say something nice today and whatever differences there may have been between you in recent weeks will be forgotten.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Jupiter in the work area of your chart suggests you have taken on too many responsibilities.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

This is one of the best times of the year for you, a time when you can make anything happen.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

It seems you are out of step with those around you. The herd is for losers, and you're a winner.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Someone you meet on your travels today will tell you something worth knowing that'll make you smile. Pass it on and make others happy too.

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